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Letter dated 28 February 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a statement of the European Union on South Africa, issued on 21 February 1994.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 38, and of the Security Council.

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Annex

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STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON SOUTH AFRICA, ISSUED ON 21 FEBRUARY 1994

The European Union welcomes the initiatives aimed at further consolidating the democratic foundations for the new South Africa as the country approaches its first democratic elections. It also welcomes initiatives aimed at accommodating the concerns of all the political parties, including those which have yet to register for participation in the electoral process.

The European Union is convinced that the only way to reflect its commitment to the process of democratic change in South Africa is for all parties to participate in the forthcoming elections. All South Africans must be allowed and encouraged to express their individual views on the country's future.

At the same time the European Union strongly urges all parties to refrain from threatening violence and from impeding the course of the elections, and from delaying a solution on the outstanding constitutional issues.

The European Union is firmly committed to assisting the transition to democracy, as reflected in the establishment of its election unit and deployment of several hundred election observers, so as to ensure fair and free elections, as well as in its announced intention to assist in the country's economic reconstruction and development after the elections.